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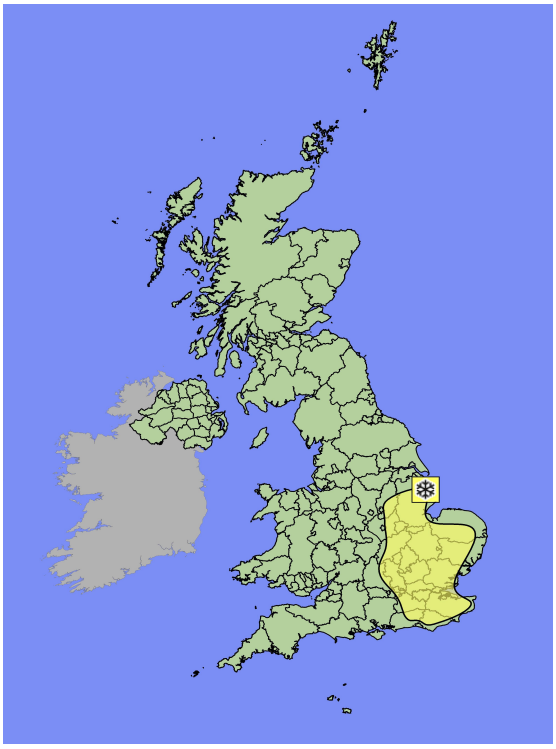

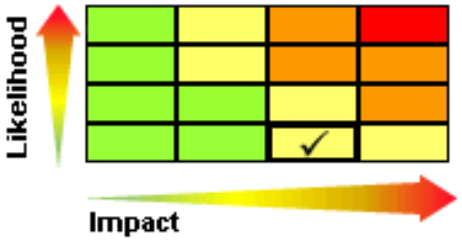

Chief Forecasters Assessment
An area of low pressure will move eastwards across the English Channel and southeast England on Sunday and Sunday night becoming slow moving over the southern North Sea and the near continent on Monday. This will bring heavy and persistent rain across much of England and Wales, with a risk of wet snow in places as cold north or northwest winds develop. The extent of any snow will depend very much on a balance between the strength of the wind and how much the heavy rain cools the air, hence there is a good deal of uncertainty but, at present, any snow accumulations are expected to be localised and mainly restricted to ground above 200m.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Warning** of **Snow**

Valid from **15:00 on Sun, 04th Mar 2012** until **18:00 on Mon, 05th Mar 2012**

Persistent and, at times, heavy rain affecting many parts of England on Sunday may turn to sleet and wet snow later on Sunday over parts of central and eastern England along with southeast England. Although many places will only see rain or sleet, there is a possibility that a few centimetres of wet snow may accumulate in places, mainly on higher ground such as the Chilterns and the Downs. This, combined with the first persistent heavy rain for some time, has the potential to give difficult traveling conditions. The rain, sleet and wet snow will persist across much of SE England throughout Monday. At present the situation regarding any snow remains very finely balanced and the public are advised to keep updated with latest forecasts. The risk of any significant snowfall in London looks very low at present. In addition, strong and cold north or northwest winds are likely to develop in southeastern areas by Monday morning.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/uk_forecast_warnings.html

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